

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

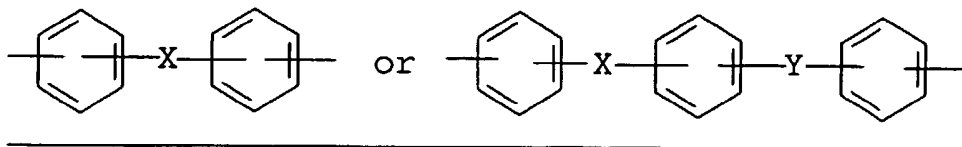
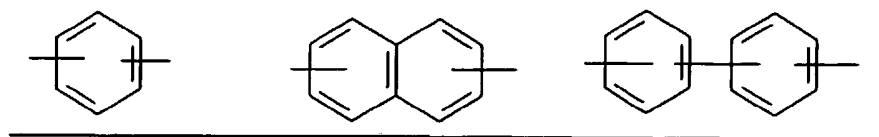
Listing of claims:

1. (currently amended) An aromatic polyamide film characterized in that the Poisson's ratio of the traverse direction (TD) to the longitudinal direction (MD) is less than 0.4, and wherein a tensile modulus at least in one direction is at least 7 Gpa wherein at least 50 molar percent of the repeating units are represented by the following formulas (I) and/or (II)

{NH-Ar₁-NHCO-Ar₂-CO} formula (I)

{NH-Ar₃-CO} formula (II)

wherein Ar₁, Ar₂, and Ar₃ are each independently



and X and Y are each selected from the group selected from -O-, -CH₂-, -CO-, -SO₂-, -S-, -C(CH₃)₂-, and wherein the rings represented in formulas (I) and (II) may optionally be substituted with a halogen, a nitro group, an alkyl group, an

alkoxy group, and wherein the hydrogen in the amide group may be substituted with a substituent group.

2. (previously presented) The aromatic polyamide film according to claim 1, wherein the Poisson's ratio is 0.1 to less than 0.3.

3. (previously presented) The aromatic polyamide film according to claim 1, wherein the Poisson's ratio is 0.01 to less than 0.1.

4. (canceled)

5. (previously presented) The aromatic polyamide film according to claim 1, wherein the ratio of E_{TD}/E_{MD} of the tensile moduli of the transverse direction to the longitudinal direction satisfies:

$$0.8 < E_{TD}/E_{MD} < 3.$$

6. (canceled)

7. (previously presented) A magnetic recording medium comprising a film according to any one of claims 1, 2, 3, or 5 provided with a magnetic layer on at least one side.

8. (original) A magnetic recording material according to claim 7, used in helical scanning type magnetic recording.

9. (currently amended) The aromatic polyamide film according to claim 1 wherein the film is stretched at a ~~stretching~~ temperature ~~is~~ of from 200 to 350°C.